

# Spring/Summer 2014 News

**Bienvenidos  
Outreach, Inc.  
A Food Pantry**

## Spotlight on: My Brother's Keeper

For over 8 years, the kind people of My Brother's Keeper (IHMCC, Los Alamos Chapter), have been faithfully bringing handmade sleeping bags for the homeless who use our services.

*My Brother's Keeper's* goal is to make simple sleeping bags from recycled fabrics and distribute them free to people who are cold and on the streets. The effort that is put into these sleeping bags helps to provide warmth and protection from the cold.

The sleeping bags are made from many types of materials including old/damaged blankets or quilts, sheets, double knit polyester, draperies, denim and many other heavy materials. All materials

used are recycled. The finished sleeping bag does not look brand new but it is functional and warm. It's all that separates and protects the homeless from the cold New Mexico nights.

My Brother's Keeper has many chapters across the United States. The Los Alamos group was started over 20 years ago by Eunice Larson. In this past year, about 3-7 members per week have made between 80—90 sleeping bags for distribution to the homeless.

**We thank everyone at My Brother's Keeper** who has worked so hard on this project, These bags are truly works of love and are very much appreciated by our clients.

**Call us for more information on the group.**



**(photo above) A new shipment of sleeping bags arrives from our friends at My Brother's Keeper.**

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### *In Memory of:*

- **Ed Navrot**
- **Ray Conti**
- **Bill McAlperin**
- **Larry Chamblis**

*Donations were given to Bienvenidos Outreach to honor these fine people.*



**So far in FY2013-2014, we have: (as of 3/31/14)**

<i>New applications</i>	761
<i>Boxes given out</i>	13663
<i>Lunches handed out</i>	14007
<i>Visits to clothing room</i>	7914
<i>Volunteer hours donated</i>	10420
<i>Number of seniors served</i>	723
<i>Number of children served</i>	2221

## News for Credit Card Donors

As many of you may already know, the cost of credit card transactions can become quite expensive. In order to bring down costs we have been searching for alternate ways to handle these transactions. Starting soon, we will need to call

you to get your security code information to process your transaction. Please make sure we have a current phone number to reach you or you can call us at your convenience and we will process your transaction right then. Your credit

card safety means a lot to us so please, do not write your security code on the return donor envelope we provide to you.

**Just think—less dollars spent on transactions fees mean more dollars we can spend on food!**

## One day. Every person. Our Community.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for May 6, 2014! For one day, every dollar donated through **Give Grande New Mexico** to local nonprofits will be magnified through local and national matching funds. Bienvenidos Outreach is partnering with the Community Foundation Coalition of New Mexico and other nonprofits to make New Mexico's first Day of Giving memorable.

We are asking every person in the community to get behind this effort. Large and small gifts will combine for big impact as we raise significant funds that will do good for a lifetime—right here in Santa Fe.

Help us make history: With participation from communities across America, Give Grande New Mexico promises to be the single biggest giving day in history. You can help us raise essential support by donating online at [www.givegrandenm.org](http://www.givegrandenm.org). It's fun, easy and secure!

**Visit [www.givegrandenm.org](http://www.givegrandenm.org) to see our profile or contact us to see how you can help make this a success for Bienvenidos Outreach.**



## Eldorado Farmers' Market opens June 6th for the 2014 Season

Come join us on opening day of The Eldorado Farmers' Market on Friday, June 6th, 2014. The market is open from 4pm-7pm and offers a great variety of produce, meats, dairy, honey, bakery goods, salsas, and arts & crafts. Bring the family and enjoy the atmosphere of our very popular market.

The market is owned and operated by Bienvenidos Outreach. Stall fees and sales of merchandise by our staff help us purchase food for our clients. Last year, over \$6,000.00 was raised to keep our pantry shelves stocked for the long winter.



(Pictured above: Salvador Corona of Espanola Valley Farms, helping a customer.)

We are always looking for volunteers to help us at the market. Please call Susan or Mary Lee at Bienvenidos Outreach to find out more about being a farmers' market volunteer. (**Attn: Parents**—volunteer time at the market counts towards community service time for school, church, or court requirements.)

**This season, visit our table at the market and receive one free raffle ticket. Each week, one lucky winner receives a basket full of goodies from the market. Mention this newsletter and get two free tickets!**

**See you at the market!**

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